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# The Southwestern

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With Valentines Day right around the corner many students are desperately searching for the perfect gift for that special someone. Josh Meister of Seiling, Jeff Schmidt of Ringwood and Jason Nightengale of Fairview chose the Student Union bookstore as their one-stop-shop for romance.

PHOTO BY BROOKE BABEK

## New sales tax money may be coming soon

*Students speak out on where funds are needed on campus*

By JEFF BELL / NEWS EDITOR

The city of Weatherford is considering a sales tax proposal to boost Southwestern's revenue.

If the city approves the sales tax in a possible upcoming vote, over \$300,000 will be raised annually under a current proposal. Southwestern President Joe Anna Hibler in a phone interview said the new income would be used solely for student expansion.

"If the vote is approved as proposed, then a one-third cent of the sales tax will go to Southwestern," Hibler said. "This would create about \$300,000 to be used for the recruitment of new students."

At the city council meeting on Jan. 31, Hibler gave a presentation outlining how the new revenue would benefit Weatherford. Southwestern is the largest business in Weatherford, with the school and the students having an

economic impact of over \$75 million annually.

Hibler said for each 20 students, over \$150,000 is generated in the community and the school's goal was to recruit 150 to 180 new students to live in Weatherford.

As a result, the new students will create about \$1.3 million for the community.

Using city sales tax dollars for education is new territory in the state. A recent change in the law has enabled city governments and school districts to collect sales tax for joint benefit.

The city of Alva, home of Northwestern Oklahoma State University, passed a sales tax to raise over \$250,000 annually to be used for recruiting. Hibler said that as a result, Northwestern's enrollment has increased.

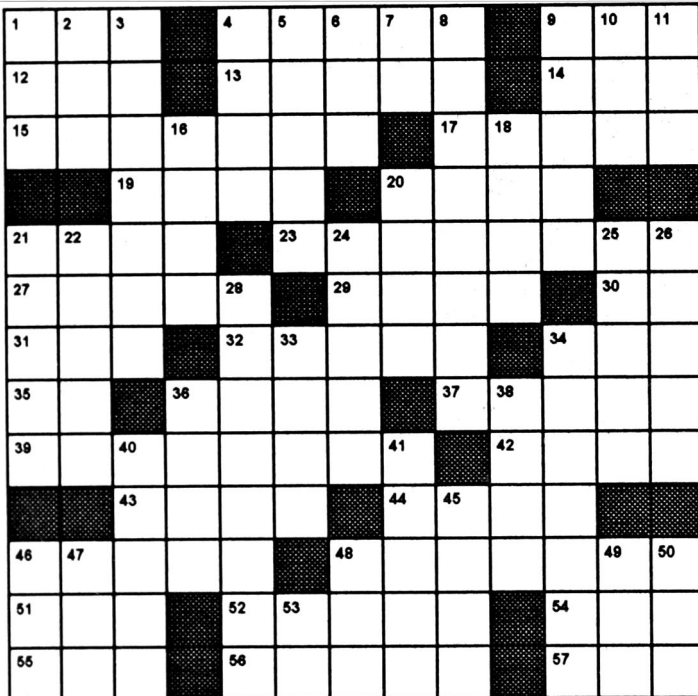
Between 1994 and 1998, Southwestern's enrollment

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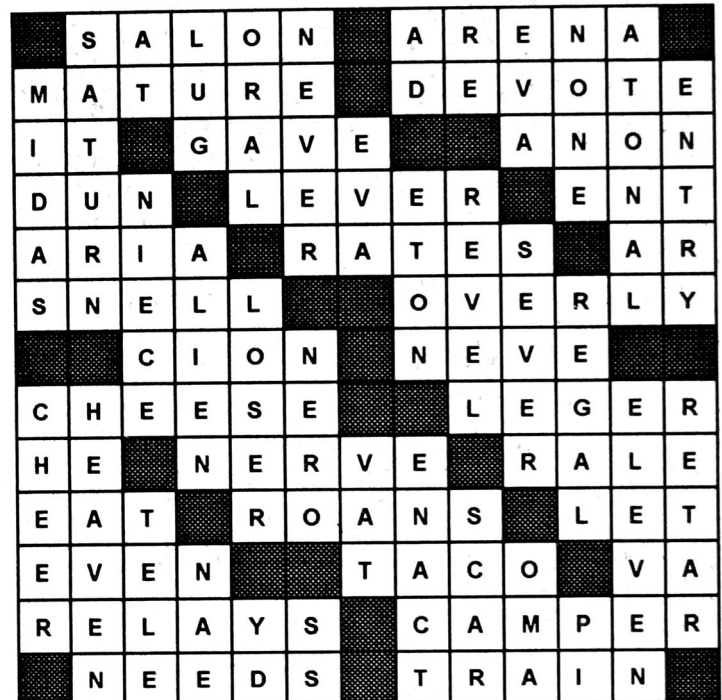
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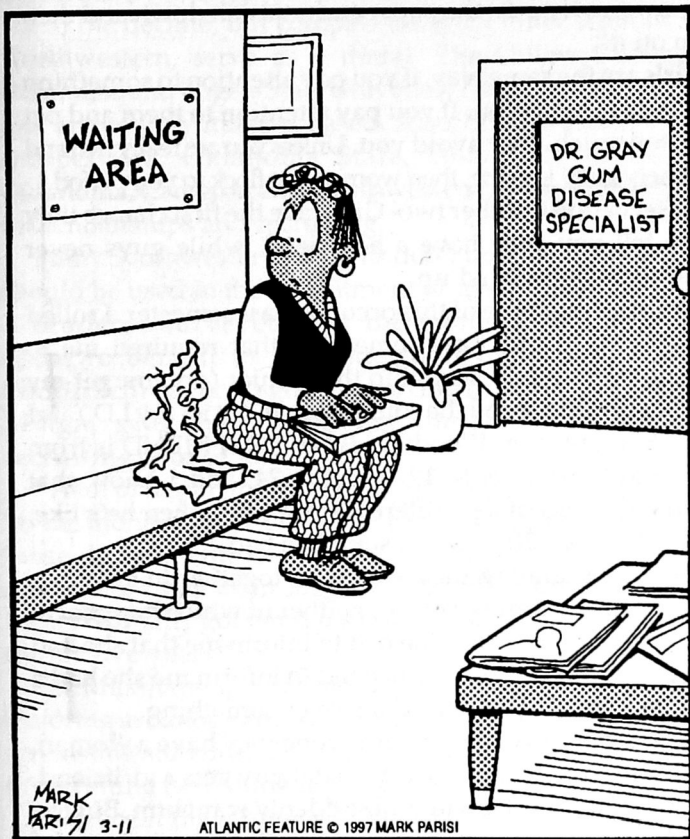
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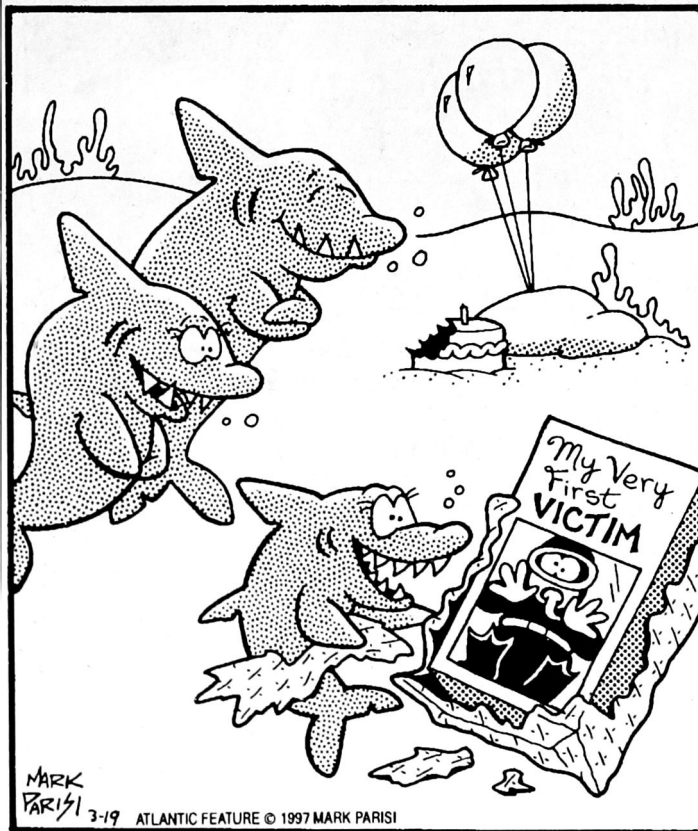
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## THAT COLUMN

by Jeff Bell



### Observations on college dating

Valentine's day is here. Some people are giddy. Some people are angry, bitter, jealous, confused, edgy and volatile. Anyhow, this is a great time to discuss some differences between guys and girls that I have noticed.

Observation number one - At parties, clubs, bars, gatherings, church rallies, etc. guys act like dogs, women behave like cats.

Dogs run up and jump on humans they don't even know. They pant, bark, slobber, sniff, pant, and harass innocent people. I hate dogs. At social gatherings, guys act the same way to women, especially if alcohol is involved.

Men go up to women they don't know and pant, laugh, make stupid jokes, use stupid pick up lines and slobber on innocent, or sometimes not so innocent girls.

Girls on the other hand are more catlike. They sit back, and come to you under their own terms. They are coy, calculating, and mysterious. Every boy in the seventh grade should get a cat to play with to teach him of the complexities of girls. Girls, like cats, seem intrigued when the male pays them little attention.

### Real men buy flowers

Real men buy flowers. I thought I should remind all of you gentleman out there of the importance of a certain day coming up. I have found in my observations that oftentimes men are lacking in knowledge of the rules of some holidays that are special to women.

I, fortunately, am married, and have graciously escaped from the disappointment of the holidays when you are dating, but many of my friends are not so fortunate. It is for these friends that I would like to explain a few things to all the men out there.

Valentine's Day is not about the money you spend, the things you buy, where you go, or what you do. It is all about making someone that is important to you feel special.

It is about being creative, spontaneous and adventurous. You get us a prepackaged box of chocolates with a teddy bear attached to it from Wal-Mart, and you wonder why we are disappointed?

That doesn't say "I care about you," it says, "I thought of this five minutes ago."

You don't even have to spend any money. There is not a woman out there who would be disappointed with you

Have you ever been reading the Sunday paper and had your cat crawl up on the paper and smash it down and then sleep on it.

Girls are the same way, if you pay attention to something else, they flock to you. If you pay attention to them and pet them too much, they avoid you. Unless you are really rich and extremely good looking, then women just flock to you period.

Observation number two- Girls take the first chance they get to tell you they have a boyfriend, while guys never admit to being hooked up.

A perfect example of this occurred last semester. I rolled into a store to purchase something that required me to present my driver's license to the cashier (do you get my drift?). The girl behind the counter looked at it (my I.D.) and said, "You are from Woodward! My BOYFRIEND is from Woodward. He is only 19, and I'm 24, and I know that sounds like a lot of age difference now but when he's like, 25, and I'm like, 30, it won't sound so bad..."

She was assuming they would be together in six years and she was assuming I cared, neither of which happened. She took the first chance she had to inform me that she had a boyfriend. It was like she needed to inform me she had a boyfriend to validate her existence or something.

Conversely, guys never tell anyone they have a woman. This arises from the innate fear that if guy gets a girlfriend, then Jennifer Love Hewitt will suddenly want him. But too bad. He is off limits because he isn't single and then Jennifer won't want him anymore.

Guys can be going out with a girl for two years and never even tell their mothers. This is a highly effective strategy for numerous reasons, but I don't have time to discuss it now.

## Word of Mouth

by Patricia Cook



cooking them dinner and (this is the important part), and doing the dishes. Or washing her car and leaving a rose inside, or taking her away on a picnic in the country, or making her a card yourself, or writing her a long letter, or anything else that would be special just between the two of you.

It is the thought that you put into it that counts. It is knowing that you really tried. That is all we want.

So, with this in mind, take the next few days to really think. It will mean more to her then you will ever know.

Valentine's Day has historically been a day of celebration and romance. How you decide to celebrate it can make all the difference in the world. So take the next few days to decide whether your romantic day will be full of romance and fireworks, or another disappointment. So let's see some fireworks.

**"Sales tax" from p. 1**

decreased by about 300 students, Hibler said. Many factors led to the decline, but competition from other schools, like Northwestern, serve as a threat. The Online College of Oklahoma and Rogers State University have degree programs that are entirely internet based. Also, Southwestern's main competitors, Oklahoma State, University of Central Oklahoma, Cameron and Northwestern all have more funds for scholarships and recruiting.

Many Southwestern students don't think any new money should be used in the recruitment of new students.

Students surveyed said the money could be better spent to benefit or upgrade their own departments. Phillip Schroeder, a senior majoring in computer graphic design, said that improving the school is the best recruiting tool of all.

"A lot of departments need a lot of upgrading," he said. "If the money is spent to better existing departments, then those departments can recruit students themselves. Our department has been lagging behind in the technology area. We finally got new computers that we've been asking for for five years."

Ed Musshaffen, a sophomore from Perry, is currently majoring in biology and he wants any new money to be spent on existing students, although he said he can see the benefit in recruiting new students.

"Maybe if the money was spent to improve the school and make it better, Southwestern might be known for something other than just pharmacy," he said. "It seems that recruiting more students might help the community and Southwestern in the long run, but spending money on the school could help now."

Musshaffen, who hopes to be a doctor one day, thinks the lack of equipment and supplies at Southwestern could be detrimental to his education.

"From what I understand, all we dissect in anatomy is cats," Musshaffen said. "Our models of the human body are old and there are not enough skulls and bones for everyone to see in class so we have to pass them around. It would be nice to dissect human body parts instead of just cats."

Ryvers Cook, a junior electrical engineering technology major, said the equipment he uses at Southwestern is outdated and thinks any new revenue should be channeled into updating current facilities.

"Everyone needs technology upgrades," he said. "They need to make the computer labs bigger, as well bringing the chemistry, physics, computer aided drafting and communications departments up to date. They could all use the money."

Senior communications major Kristen Bartel wants to be a television news reporter and she says the lack of technology in her department may hinder her ability to get the job she wants.

"If I wasn't doing an internship I would be at a great disadvantage when I go to apply for a job," she said.

"In my media productions class, all we had to use



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was a consumer-quality video camera. I needed to submit a video resume for an internship which needs to use different camera angles, but I wasn't able to do it with the equipment we had. There were a lot of things I wasn't able to learn. It's frustrating. Most other schools have a television studio, or at least a radio station."

Bartel does believe that some new money should be used to recruit new students, but some should go to departments who need an upgrade in technology.

Dr. Hibler said the intent of the proposal is not for Southwestern improvement.

"This is an economic development issue," Hibler said. "I don't think the community would vote favorably if the money was for the school use only. That is not the intent of the proposal."

Hibler said that the state already pays for two-thirds of the costs of the students' education and the students only pay for one-third, so many townspeople would not see the need in such a tax.

The Weatherford city council will host an open meeting at 7 p.m. Feb. 21 to discuss the proposed one-cent sales tax. After the meeting, the city council will decide if the proposal should go to a town wide vote. Hibler thinks the tax has an excellent chance of being approved.

"I have talked to a lot of business people and civic leaders, and there seems to be favorable support for the education aspect of the tax," she said. "This is a city issue, and I respect



# Jazzing up SWOSU with Clark Terry

By ALANNA BRADLEY/STAFF REPORTER

Jazz vocalist, Kevin Mahogany and trumpet player, Clark Terry, are just two of the main attractions at Southwestern's 30th Annual Jazz Festival this year.

This year's jazz festival will be held on the Weatherford campus, Feb. 11-12. Tickets go on sale for the 1:00 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. concerts on Friday, Feb. 11. General admission tickets are \$6 for the 1:00 p.m. concert and \$10 for the 8:15 p.m. concert. Also scheduled is a reception honoring Southwestern graduate and famous radio personality Roy D. Mercer for those buying the \$25 tickets.

The festival will feature several well-known names in the jazz world, including Mahogany and Terry, as well as Bob Bowman, Dave Hanson, Todd Strait and Southwestern's own Jazz Ensemble "A."

Throughout the day, the festival will also feature performances from area high schools and performances from several alumni groups with 1970s, 1980s and 1990s bands performing at various times. A 4:15 performance by the Southwestern wind ensemble will conclude the festival.

Terry has performed with Southwestern's audiences before being a guest soloist at previous festivals. He also performed with the *Tonight Show* band for several years and is also well-known for his flugelhorn playing.

Mahogany, who performed for Southwestern in the early 1990s, holds honors of his own. He was recently named number one male vocalist in a readers poll held by *Downbeat* magazine. He also has performed with numerous big name jazz artists.

Anyone interested in more information involving this year's festival is encouraged to call Dr. Terry Segress in the music department.

These activities have been made available through the assistance of the Oklahoma Arts Council.



Clark Terry will perform at Southwestern's 30th Annual Jazz Festival Friday, Feb. 11, at the Fine Arts Center. A reception for Roy D. Mercer will also be held that night.

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# Enrollment numbers down from last year

By SHAELA HUFF/ STAFF REPORTER

The first semester of the 2000s saw fewer students than a year ago at this time.

According to figures released from the registrar's office, Southwestern enrolled 4,613 students this spring, down 3.9 percent from Spring 1999.

The numbers are also down from the fall, but this is normal, said Bob Klaasen, registrar.

December graduation impacts the downfall of the figures. Traditionally college students enroll in the fall. In some cases, by the end of their first semester they decide that college isn't where they prefer to be. Bob Klaasen, the registrar for Weatherford's campus, has been here for 21 years. He says that through the years the figures rise and fall each semester, but remain fairly steady overall.

Southwestern also is down in its number of full time enrollees (FTEs). In Spring 1999, 4,092 students were enrolled full-time. This spring, 3,912 are full time, a decrease of 4.4 percent.

New recruiting efforts are being used by Southwestern to increase the population on campus. Todd Boyd, director of

high school and college relations, attributes the growth on campus to many different things. He has started events such as "Metro Night" and "Southwestern Saturday." Both of which allow students to learn more about the campus and academic advantages.

Boyd sees more and more students considering Southwestern. On Jan. 17, his department conducted 26

group tours of students interested in Southwestern. He says that students are attracted to the traditional atmosphere.

The Chamber of Commerce has also made more money available for scholarships. It is also considered a half-cent sales tax (see page 1) that could bring more students to campus.


## By the numbers

### 2000 Spring


Undergraduate	4,016
Graduate	299
Professional	298
Total	4,613

### 1999 Spring

Undergraduate	4,208
Graduate	513
Professional	88
Total	4,801



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# Art show displays professors' works

BY JAMIE RHODES/ STAFF REPORTER

The Individual Artists of Oklahoma (IAO) and the Oklahoma Museums Association are showing exhibits in the Art Building.

Currently, the Individual Artists of Oklahoma is sponsoring an exhibit entitled "24 Works on Paper." IAO is a non-profit organization that promotes independent artists from around the state.

The unveiling of the show took place at the Kirkpatrick Center in Oklahoma City. The exhibit is currently up and scheduled to run at Southwestern through Feb. 25.

Two of Southwestern's professors of art, Norman Tabor and Patty McLoone, were chosen for the exhibit.

Norman Tabor, assistant professor in the art department, has one work in the exhibit, "Headdress." He won an award from the organization for this print.

"IAO is a cross section of high caliber artists in Oklahoma," said Tabor.

Patty McLoone is also an assistant professor in the art department. She has two works in the show, "You Can Breathe" and "Miami."

"I think that IAO does a good service for the arts in Oklahoma," said McLoone.

The exhibit will be visiting seven sights across Oklahoma within the year. Some of these include Southwestern, Southeastern in Durant, the Goddard Center in Ardmore and the Alexander Hoge Gallery in Tulsa.

"They really want to bring the art to the people," McLoone said.

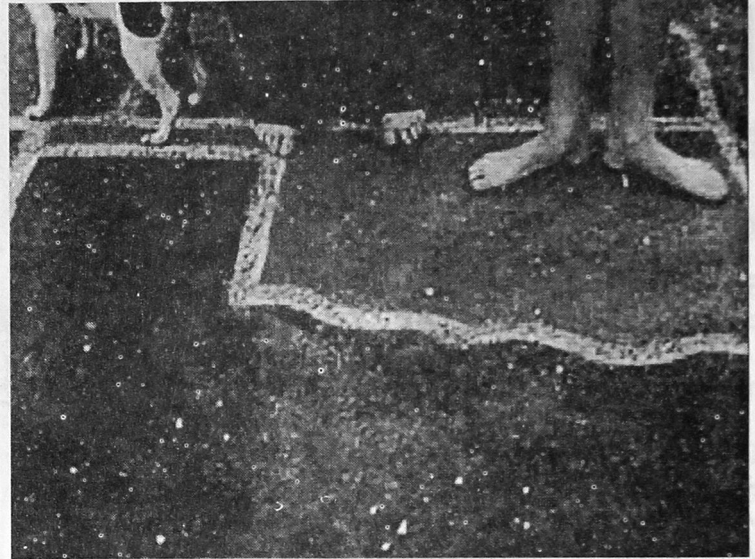
"It [IAO] represents all styles of media and has no theme except the common surface," said Dr. Andrew Marvick, an assistant professor of art history.

The exhibit is currently on the second floor of the art building but will soon be moved to the third floor to make room for the art exhibit presented by the Oklahoma Museums Association this month.

The Oklahoma Museums Association, a non-profit organization is sponsoring an exhibit entitled "American World War II Posters." It will consist of around two-dozen original prints from World War II and will run from Feb. 7 through Feb. 25.

"It is an interesting example of American graphic design from 55 years ago," said Marvick.

"Many students here probably have grandparents that were in some way involved in the war, not only in the services, but at home as well," said Joe London, chairman of the art department.



"Feet across Oklahoma," one of the displays in the art show currently on display in the Art Building.

"I think it is interesting because my grandfather was in the war, and he told me about it, but I would still like to learn more," said Chris Robbins, a freshman criminal justice major from Hobart.

The works will consist of some posters designed by America to recruit soldiers and to boost American's spirits.

"It is a good opportunity to see the part art played in winning the war," said Tabor.

"There were a lot of really interesting posters produced during the war, from the axis powers to the allied powers. It is an interesting aspect for other disciplines at Southwestern, such as students of world history and U.S. history," London said.

"I think it's very interesting to learn about our nation's history," said Brandon Wilhelm, a freshman computer science major from Sentinel.

Remember that both exhibits will run through Feb. 25. The next exhibit will include watercolors and drawings from the art department classes.

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# Education department supports pay hike

By NATHAN BREWER/STAFF REPORTER

Oklahoma's teachers might get something extra in their paychecks.

Senate leader Stratton Taylor, Democrat from Claremore and House Speaker Loyd Bensen, Democrat from Frederick, support a bill that will raise the pay of each elementary and secondary teacher in the state by \$3,000.

The proposed pay hike is being welcomed Southwestern's dean of education, Dr. Greg Moss.

"We're forty-eighty in the country (in teacher pay rankings)," Moss said. "Something has to be done."

According to Moss, Oklahoma's teachers are leaving the state for two reasons. First, the pay is lower than in neighboring states. Teachers can go across the border into Kansas or Texas and make a few thousand dollars more.

Second, Oklahoma's requirements for teacher certification are some of the most stringent in the country. This makes the state's teaching pool susceptible to out-of-state recruitment.

Moss doesn't think passage of the pay raise would impact the school's education department. He sees the state gaining the most from an increase in teacher salaries.

"People will stay in-state more," Moss said.

Recent statistics show that nearly 900 teachers have left Oklahoma during the last six months.

School districts in the state have declared Feb. 16 a "snow day," and many of Oklahoma's 40,000 teachers are expected to go to the capitol and lobby lawmakers.

Governor Keating said he will sign the bill if it gets to him early in the upcoming legislative session. The session begins Feb. 7.

## Valentine's Day blood drive scheduled

By ANDREA WARD/STAFF REPORTER

At this time of year, the color red brings thoughts of cupids and Valentines to mind. But red is also the color of a significant necessity in our lives. Red is the color of life — the color of blood.

This Valentine's Day Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Student Government Association will host a blood drive with the Oklahoma Blood Institute. The drive will be located in the Student Union's Ballroom.

Donors may stop to participate between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Feb. 14 and 15.

All donors will receive a T-shirt as well as a mini-physical including checks on blood pressure, heart rate, temperature, and cholesterol levels. Results of the cholesterol test will be

mailed to donors after donation.

Men over the age of 30 are encouraged to take advantage of a Prostate Specific Antigen Test that screens for Prostate cancer. The test is offered at a nominal fee of \$15 for donors and \$20 for those unable to donate.

"We appreciate the support students of SWOSU provide to replenish the state blood supply. Because of your donations, we are able to provide 100 percent of the blood supply to Southwestern Memorial Hospital," said Ronald Gilcher, M.D., President of the Oklahoma Blood Institute.

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# Winter wonderland hard on commuters

BY SHAELA HUFF/ STAFF REPORTER

The snow last week shocked many of the faculty and students here at Southwestern.

For some, this winter wonderland was a dream come true. For those traveling on the icy roads it was not. It was easy for those who live on campus to get to class, but for those who travel it was difficult and dangerous. Driving during icy conditions is a task in itself, but battling a crowded, icy parking lot can be downright gruesome.

Five accidents were reported on Thursday, Jan. 26, with many more fender-benders going unreported. There was one incident of a parked pickup being knocked almost over a retaining wall. The person driving the vehicle that hit the pickup then drove off. Even a campus police vehicle was the victim of an out-of-control car. The campus car was hit and sustained minor damage.

Dr. Paulette Woods, vice-president of student services, said the snowfall last week was the most she has seen in her seven years at Weatherford. She attended the University of Wisconsin, so she has seen more snow there.

With seven inches of snow, classes at Weatherford High School and Clinton High School were cancelled on Thursday, Jan. 27, and Friday, Jan. 28.

That led to some students to question why Southwestern's classes were not cancelled. On Jan. 28, the 8 a.m. classes were called off. Also, all night classes on Jan. 27 were cancelled.

But the administration believed that many students could still make it to class, especially those on campus. Those who do not live on campus or those who commute were asked to use discretion about safety. Southwestern's faculty was asked to be considerate and to allow commuters and students who live of campus to make up their work. This is a time when it is crucial for students to communicate with their professors.

"This was probably a tough call to make, but at a time like this you can't please everyone," Woods said.

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Neff Hall residents displayed their school spirit on Friday, Jan. 27, by working on their winter tans.

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# Senate considers handbook changes

BY SUNIL SMITH/ STAFF REPORTER

In its weekly meeting last Wednesday, the Student Government Association discussed changes in the Student Handbook.

New policies about the declaration of a major and the Academic Advising Policy were the main changes discussed.

Senators agreed that changes in the policy on the declaration of a major should state that any student enrolled at SWOSU **should declare a major by 64 credit hours and career counseling will be recommended by 32 completed hours.**

After several standoffs, the policy of Academic Advising came to some sort of understanding. Two versions were accepted from the Schools of Education and Health Science. Both basically said that advisors should respect the rights of students to have information about themselves kept confidential. An advisor must have a student's consent to discuss and such information with a co-worker or faculty member.

Other business discussed was the idea for a new bulletin board alongside the Old Science Building. This would be to attract visitors and to give them some examples of the things that are going on around the campus.

Congratulations was awarded to Shane Brashears, who was voted as Senator of the Week.

SGA meets at 6 p.m. every Wednesday in the Stafford Building

## Spring break in Mexico?

# Get your shot now to prevent Hepatitis-A

BY TACEY CLODFELTER/ STAFF REPORTER

Made travel arrangements, saved up money, started tanning, gotten your Hepatitis A vaccine?

Students planning to go to Mexico for Spring Break this year need to be prepared for anything.

Every year in the United States there are between 125,000 and 200,000 people infected with Hepatitis A. There are 100 deaths from the virus.

Six years ago, a vaccine was developed and is available in the United States. Other countries, however, have not begun wide spread vaccination against the virus.

Student Health Services offers the vaccine Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is 17 dollars.

The vaccine offers long-term protection against the virus, but studies continue to determine whether a booster shot will be needed in the future.

According to school nurse Becky McBride 90 percent of people receive protective antibodies two weeks after the vaccine and 100 percent are protected by four weeks.

She suggests that the vaccine be given immediately to those students planning to travel for Spring Break. Students need to have time to build up antibodies before the increased risk of exposure to the virus.

It is also recommended that another injection be given six months after the initial shot to ensure protection.

"Side effects from the vaccine can include local pain at the site of the injection as well as low grade fever, nausea and malaise," McBride said. "But less than ten percent of people experience anything other than local pain."

Hepatitis A is the most common form of Hepatitis in the United States. The virus attacks the liver. It can be spread through food and water if proper hygiene is not practiced. Infection can occur between sexual partners, but the odds are lower because it is rarely a blood born virus.

The symptoms can include the abrupt onset of fever, malaise, nausea, abdominal discomfort and jaundice.

It takes approximately one to two weeks after exposure before any symptoms are expressed.

Although McBride strongly recommends the vaccine to students planning to travel to Mexico, she also urges that anyone who travels anywhere or eats at restaurants frequently consider getting the vaccine.

"The usual incubation period for the virus is between 5 and 50 days," McBride said. "This means that a student returning from Spring Break may carry the virus for over a month before they are aware they have been exposed."



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# Actors will travel to regional competition

By TONY ALEXANDER/ STAFF REPORTER

Southwestern's theater department will be traveling to Tyler, Texas, to participate in the regional American College Theater Festival.

This is the 32nd year for the regional ACTF competition but the first time Southwestern has had a production advance to the festival. Southwestern is one of seven shows nominated to compete Feb. 22-26.

Southwestern will perform *The Cover of Life* on the last day of the festival. Southwestern was nominated after receiving the Respondents' Choice Award and the Directors' Choice Award at the state level.

While at regionals, "*The Cover of Life*" has the opportunity to advance to the national level. A National Selection Committee will select six to eight shows to perform at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. April 17-26.

*The Cover of Life*, written by R.T. Robinson, takes place in northern Louisiana during World War II. The story is about the wives of three brothers who enlist together for the Army. A reporter for *Life* magazine covers their story and relates the women's feelings about their role in society and in their own personal lives'.

The cast for *The Cover of Life* includes Katy Christie, Natalie Coe, Kelli Prescott, Patricia Cook, Hollie Borrer, Jenifer Pechonick and Kyle Davis. Steve P. Strickler, director, has been at Southwestern for eight years and directs an average of two plays a year.

"It's quite an honor to receive a nomination, and an even bigger honor to actually be invited to regionals," Strickler said.

Along with the award-winning play, eight Southwestern students are competing individually at the Irene Ryan competition and the Regional Design Competition. This competition is for students involved in acting and design.

Southwestern students competing are Natalie Coe and Kelli Prescott for *The Cover of Life* and Hollie Borrer and Philip Seymour for *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. Competing in the design competitions with design projects from "*The Cover of Life*" and "*You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*" are Chantry Banks, Hollie Borrer, Becky Shelton, Philip Schroeder, Kyle Davis, Kelli Prescott, John Booker and Philip Seymour.

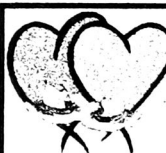
The cast and crew spent hundreds of hours to make this show possible. Students are involved in all aspects of the play, including costume and set design.

"There aren't many students that will stay up until 3a.m. to work on sets," said Hollie Borrer, who plays Sybil in *The Cover of Life*. *The Cover of Life* will play at Southwestern Feb. 17 and 18 in the Old Science theater at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free with student I.D.

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A scene from last fall's production of "*The Cover of Life*."



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## Campus Events Feb. 9-16

The chemistry club is hosting a forum on "what makes spicy foods spicy?" Dr. Bill Kelly of chemistry will lecture Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in CPP 224. There will be lots of salsas, jalepenos, crackers and drinks to sample. Open to public.

# Career Fair 2000 set for next Wednesday

Southwestern's career fair will be held Wednesday, Feb. 16 on the second floor of the student union from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Career Fair 2000 is designed for graduating seniors and alumni who are seeking full-time employment and for undergraduates interested in internship positions.

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# The Great Divide's spring tour

By JOHNNA WEST/ FEATURES EDITOR

On Jan. 29 at approximately 4 p.m. a four man band composed of two former OSU students, a firefighter and a salesman were perfecting their sound check at Schreck's Ballroom in Foss. Combine their musical talent with alternative rock/country songs and the result is the ever popular, The Great Divide.

Today The Great Divide has numerous fans and big hits. Their music can be heard on country music stations across the state and across the country. The Great Divide can also be seen playing at bars, dance halls and various outdoor festivals.

On Jan. 29, Scotte Lester, J.J. Lester, Kelley Green and Mike McClure played for a packed house at Schreck's Ballroom in Foss.

"Schreck's is a good-sized bar. We enjoy playing to a crowd of about 1,500 people. This bar is perfect for that,"

lead vocalist and guitarist Mike McClure said.

McClure writes many of the group's songs. Kelley Green sings vocals and plays the bass guitar. J.J. Lester plays drums and percussion, while Scotte Lester also sings vocals and plays the rhythm guitar.

Nowadays they are booked for every weekend, have performed at Fan Fair in Nashville and have released four albums.

They are very humble about their stardom and very grateful for their break.

"We don't consider ourselves stars yet. It has been a slow growth over the last eight years," Lester said. The Stillwater residents got their first radio air time not in Oklahoma, but in Lincoln, Neb., thanks to country music singer Chris LeDeoux's son, who persuaded the Lincoln station to start playing The Great Divide's songs. The four-man band became popular not only with fans, but also with Atlantic Records.

The company signed The Great Divide to a record deal without having seen a single performance. The group is no longer associated with Atlantic records.

One more incredible fact to add to their growing resume is that the band has opened for numerous country singers. Which by the way, includes such names as the legendary Willie Nelson, Charlie Daniels, Tracy Byrd, Terri Clark, Shenandoah and David Allen Coe.

"We opened for Willie Nelson in South Dakota. Hands down that was the best opening. We really admire him and his music," Mike said.

Since its beginning, the band has released four albums; *Going for Broke*, *Break in the Storm*, *Revolutions* and their latest release *The Great Divide & Friends: Dirt and Spirit*. Their second independent release *Break in the Storm* includes their first single and video "Never Could" and the band's second

PHOTO BY BROOKE BABEK



Kelley Green, bass guitarist gets ready for the concert at Schreck's.

## Spring 2000 Schedule

- February 12, Super Bull, Ardmore, OK
- February 25, Longhorn, Manhattan, KS
- February 29, Sutler, Nashville, TN
- March 1-4, CRS, Nashville, TN
- March 10, Billy Bob's, Ft. Worth, TX
- March 24, Expo Center - Rodeo, Enid, OK
- April 1, Saengerhalle, New Bransfels, TX
- April 16, Dirt and Spirit at The Blue Door, OKC, OK
- April 7, Blue Moon, Denton, TX
- April 8, City Limit, Stephenville, TX
- April 13, Burr Hall Benefit, Lincoln, NE
- April 14, Tulsa City Limits, Tulsa, OK
- April 15, Fairgrounds, Alva, OK 1-888-854-2262
- April 30, Tumbleweed Calf Fry, Stillwater, OK
- May 6, Schreck's, Foss, OK

# makes a mark at local dance hall

single "Pour Me a Vacation."

The band's latest independent release is a combination of gospel and acoustic music. This album includes performances by Susan Gibson, who wrote "Wide Open Spaces" for the Dixie Chicks, Tom Skinner, The Red Dirt Rangers, Cross Canadian Ragweed, Bob Childres, Stoney LaRue and Jason Boland. The group owes its musical influence to "Our savior Jesus Christ, the total inspiration behind Dirt & Spirit, and the album lives to spread his word and his message."

The Great Divide is personally delivering this album to music stores across the state. The album isn't available in Weatherford yet, but can be purchased at Hastings stores in Yukon and Enid.

Although they are very successful, they aren't taking the "common" route of country singers and moving to Nashville. Scotte, J.J., Kelley and Mike still reside in Stillwater with their families. They also choose not to travel in a conventional tour bus. Their form of transportation is a 1999 Suburban. It has over 81,000 miles on it. The band's first ride was an old white, untrustworthy Suburban nicknamed the "Burd."

"We still have the 'Burb.' It is parked in Scotte's pasture. In fact it's up for sale," Kelley said.

When preparing for a show, this four piece band has some unique pre-game activities.

"We usually stay in our hotel, sleep or watch the television show 'Cops.' We don't really have a regular routine or do anything special," J.J. said.

Whatever they are doing before a show, it must be working.

During the last eight years, The Great Divide has come a long way. One thing is for certain, popularity hasn't increased their egos. They are humble stars with easygoing personalities and a very bright future.

Through it all, The Great Divide can say they *Haven't Gone Broke, Been calm through the Storm, Revolved into Stars* and haven't forgot about their *Friends and Spirit*.

PHOTO BY BROOKE BAREK



Scotte Lester warms up for the big show.

PHOTO BY BROOKE BAREK



Mike McClure sings "Jailed Burned Down."



The Great Divide members are Kelley Green, Mike McClure, J.J. Lester and Scotte Lester.

# Sweet safety: National condom week is here

By PATRICIA COOK/EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Romance is in the air.

Flowers, chocolates, condoms? That's right. Feb. 14-21 is National Condom week.

Condoms have been around as long as people have been having sex. Did you know that the oldest illustration of a condom is 3,000 years old?

Or that actual condoms made of animal and fish intestines dating back to 1640 were found in the foundations of the Dudley Castle near Brimingham, England?

Or that approximately 454 million condoms are sold in the U.S. yearly?

Or that the slang name "rubbers" was started in 1843 when Goodyear invented the process that vulcanized rubber and from then on condoms were made of a type of rubber called latex?

"When many people think about condoms, they don't necessarily feel like celebrating. But there's a good reason to," said Terry Dennison, director of educational services at Planned Parenthood.

"Latex condoms have been around since the 1840s and have improved tremendously since then.

Valentine's Day presents a natural opportunity to promote the role of latex condoms in prevention."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and prevention, correct and consistent use of latex condoms is the best way that sexually active people can protect themselves against both unwanted pregnancy and the spread of sexually transmitted infections including HIV.

"We all have the power to make smart decisions about how we express ourselves sexually," remarks Dennison.

"Using condoms can help us avoid anxiety, improve communication with our partner, increase intimacy and strengthen trust in a relationship. What could be more romantic for Valentine's Day?" Dennison said.

One thing that keeps many students from buying condoms is the cost and embarrassment of going to a store to get them.

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# Southwestern's corner on scholarship

by Paul R. Nail, Department of Psychology

This week's column is based on projects that appeared in the Office of Sponsored Programs' (OSP) Scholarly Activity Report for FY 99, on projects recently submitted to OSP, and on funded grants through the OSP office. Please continue to submit current work based on the one-page OSP Scholarly Activity Report form. The form is available on the Southwestern web page under Administration/Forms/SWOSUFORMS/Research and Grants. Hardcopies can be obtained from OSP at ext. 7012.

Congratulations to the many of you involved in scholarly activity at Southwestern. Keep up the good work!

## Faculty and Administrators in the News

**Faye Neathery**, Chemistry and Physics Department, presented "Master Teachers in Residence: Bringing a Practical Perspective to Science and Mathematics Education Reform," Annual Meeting, American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, Washington, DC.

**Rochelle Beatty**, Math Department, presented "Algebra Vocabulary: Its Impact on Developmental Mathematics Students," AMATYC National Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.

**Phil Holley**, Social Sciences Department, presented "Prison Visitation: A Contemporary Review," Annual Meeting, Oklahoma Sociological Association, Stillwater.

**Ronna Vanderslice**, School Service Programs Department, presented "Cognitive Study Strategies for Students with Learning Disabilities," 21st International Conference on Learning Disabilities, Minneapolis, MN.

**Gary Wolgamott**, Division of Allied Health, served as editor for the national *Lambda Tau Newsletter*.

**Carroll Ramos**, Pharmaceutical Sciences Department, published "CD24 Mediates Rolling of Breast Carcinoma Cells on P-selection," *FASEB Journal*.

**Virgil Van Dusen**, Pharmaceutical Sciences Department, presented "Prescription for Success," Drake University, Des Moines, IA

**Marvin Hankins**, Business Administration Department, received a grant, "Southwestern Manufacturing Consortium," from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, \$33,000.

**Joe Nolan**, Elementary/Secondary Education Department, and **John Ludrick**, School of Education, received a grant "Project F.I.T.T.-Facilitating Inclusion Through Technology," from the Oklahoma State Department of Education, \$46,000.

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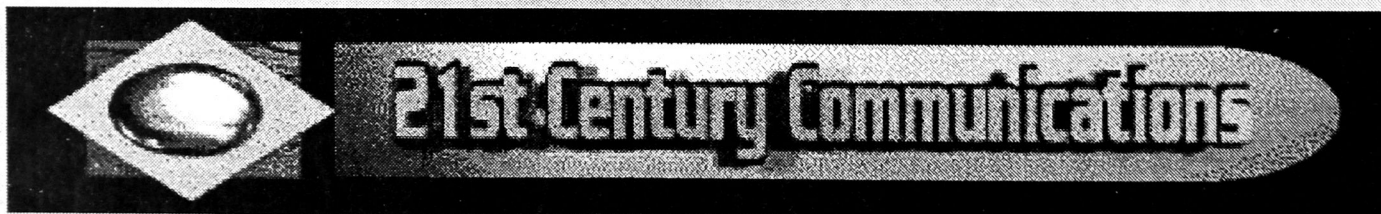
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# Opera Review

## An Evening of Opera

The Opera Workshop performed "An Evening of Opera" on the evenings of Jan 28-30 in room 101 of the Music Building.

Dr. Charles Chapman directed excerpts from separate opera, including "Faust" by Charles Gounod, "Il Trovatore" and "Rigoletto" by Giuseppe Verdi, and "A Game of Chance" by Seymour Barab.

The finale to Act IV of "Faust" was the first production of the evening. Faust, who was played by Jason Dibler, has sold his soul to the evil Mephistopheles, David Weber, in exchange for youth, wealth, and the power to win Marguerite, an innocent young beauty played by Jessica Church.

Mephistopheles announces his victory just as the heavens open and the Heavenly Chorus, members of the "Opera Workshop" and the "Southwestern Singers," announce that she is saved. At this time Faust descends to his dreaded fate.

This performance was sung entirely in French. The three characters' voices very beautiful and very well cast. Dibler has a very clean trusting voice contrasting Weber's voice, which sounded very deep and eerie. Church's voice had a very sopranic innocent and naïve sound.

The last half of Act I of "Il Trovatore" was a much more confusing. Leonora, played by Melissa Walton, has fallen in love with a mysterious troubadour who turns out to be Manrico, played by Michael Shimp. Manrico is actually a gypsy who has been banned from the kingdom ruled by Count De Luna, played by Byron Chambers.

Manrico and the Count are actually brothers, but because of an attempt of a gypsy woman to kill her mother when the two were babies, the now grown men consider themselves enemies from different social classes.

Leonora, whom the Count loves, is also the maid-in-waiting to his mother.

Inez (Holly Anderson) finds Leonora outside the castle

where the two of them are employed. Later in the evening the Count sees the light in Leonora's window. He decides to profess his love to her. Before he gets to her he hears a voice singing to his love.

Leonora, who also heard the voice, rushes in and in the darkness professes her love to the wrong man.

Leonora realizes her mistake and turns to Manrico the explain. The Count then challenges his rival to reveal his identity. When Manrico does so the Count becomes enraged. The two exchange words while Leonora tries to calm them. Sword are drawn, and Leonora faints from despair.

This cutting, sang in Italian, was not as entertaining as the first, because the intricate storyline was difficult to follow. These performers were all very well prepared.

The second performance written by Verdi was "Rigoletto." Rigoletto is the court jester who is very unpopular with the courtiers because they are often the subjects of his mindless pranks.

This is the story of the Duke of Matua (Justin Conkling) who seduces many young women. Unbeknown to the Duke and the rest of the court that Rigoletto has a very beautiful daughter. He has sheltered Gilda (Lindy Mahlman) from society. She is only allowed to attend church services on Sundays. With Giovanna's (Erin Bailey) help, Duke professes his love.

This again was performed beautifully. The choice to use two of Giuseppe Verdi's Operas with such twisted plots and storylines was much too advanced for beginner opera goers such as myself.

The final production of the evening was "A Game of Chance," by Seymour Barab. This opera was done entirely in English, which is definitely not a romantic language. The storyline is very simple. Three knitters, Molly Burns, Mariah Jobe, and Meagan Mathews, sit in chairs, and one by one each of them dreams aloud. The Representative, Jacob Smith, grants each of their dreams.

Once again these performers were very well rehearsed. They each had wonderful voices and great stage presence. The storyline and plot were both entertaining, but the music was almost obnoxious. I think these performers' talents would have been better showcased in a different piece.

--Kori Hoffman

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# Bulldog baseball

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Feb 12	Panhandle	Weatherford	1:00 p.m.
Feb 13	Panhandle	Weatherford	1:00 p.m.
Feb 17	St. Gregory's	Shawnee	1:00 p.m.
Feb 22	Southern Nazarene	Bethany	1:00 p.m.
Feb 23	West Texas A&M	Weatherford	2:00 p.m.
Feb 28	USAO	Chickasha	2:00 p.m.
Feb 29	Cameron	Weatherford	2:00 p.m.
Mar 3-4	Tarleton Tourney	Stephenville, TX	
Mar 3	TAMU-Kingsville	Stephenville, TX	10:00 a.m.
Mar 3	Tarleton State	Stephenville, TX	4:00 p.m.
Mar 4	Eastern N.M.	Stephenville, TX	9:00 a.m.
Mar 7	OCU	Oklahoma City	2:00 p.m.
Mar 10	Ouachita Baptist	Weatherford	1:00 p.m.
Mar 11	Ouachita Baptist	Weatherford	12:00 p.m.
Mar 13	Hillsdale	Weatherford	2:00 p.m.
Mar 14	OBU	Shawnee	2:00 p.m.
Mar 17	NSU	Tahlequa	1:30 p.m.
Mar 18	NSU	Tahlequa	12:00 p.m.
Mar 21	Cameron	Lawton	2:00 p.m.
Mar 24	Southeastern	Weatherford	1:00 p.m.
Mar 25	Southeastern	Weatherford	1:00 p.m.
Mar 31	Panhandle	Goodwell	1:00 p.m.
Apr 1	Texas Wesleyan	Goodwell	1:00 p.m.
Apr 4	St. Gregory's	Weatherford	1:00 p.m.
Apr 6	Hillsdale	Moore	2:00 p.m.
Apr 7	UCO	Edmond	1:00 p.m.
Apr 8	UCO	Weatherford	1:00 p.m.
Apr 11	OBU	Weatherford	2:00 p.m.
Apr 14	East Central	Weatherford	1:30 p.m.
Apr 15	East Central	Ada	1:30 p.m.
Apr 18	OCU	Weatherford	2:00 p.m.
Apr 21	Harding	Harding, AR.	1:00 p.m.
Apr 22	Harding	Harding, AR.	12:00 p.m.
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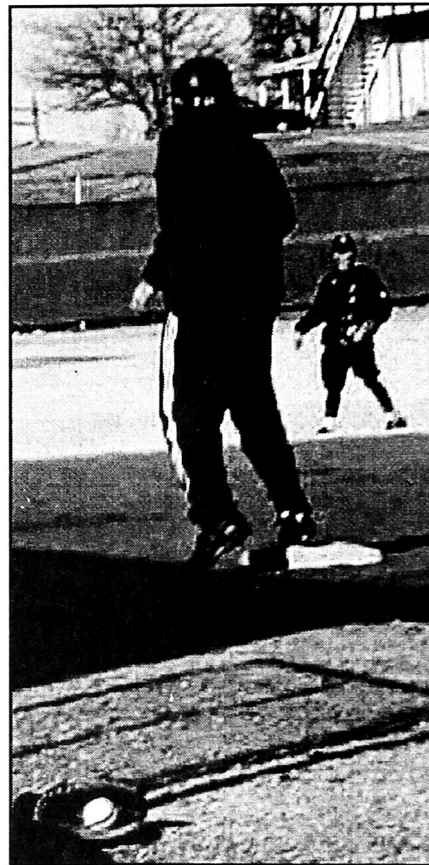
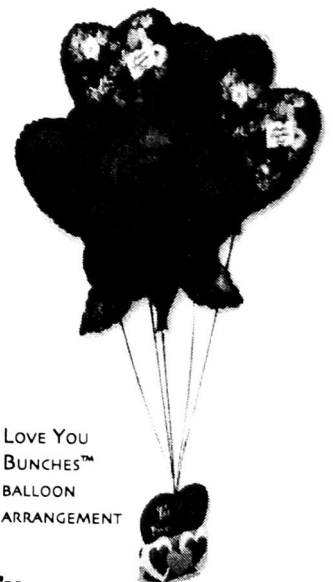


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Baseball practice is in full swing and the Bulldogs are getting ready for their first games this weekend at home against Panhandle. The games will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

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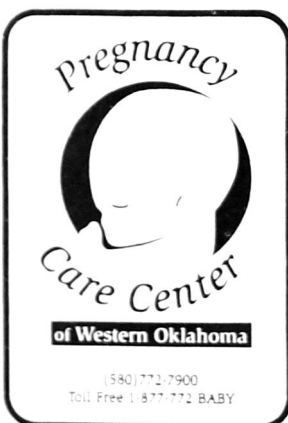


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# Students take advantage of intramurals

BY CHARLES BEATLEY/SPORTS EDITOR

Intramural activities are popular among students and faculty alike, whether its spending time in the Olympic size pool or playing 5 on 5 basketball.

The pool is a popular spot for many students to spend their spare time. Anywhere between 50-70 students and a few faculty can be seen here daily according to Intramural director, Nelson Perkins.

Water aerobics is an activity that intramurals offers that can be very therapeutic and fun. "Water aerobics is doing calisthenics in water to music," says Perkins, "since the water supports the body, many people who have suffered from accidents, find that when they get done they feel stronger." Around 25 people are benefiting from taking water aerobics, which is taught by Tracey Kelly. Kelly instructs the class on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

If you enjoy aerobics, but do not like getting wet while exercising, you should try step aerobics. Step aerobics is a step exercise class taught by student Jenny Neeley on Monday and Wednesday at 8 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m. "Bring plenty of energy," says Perkins. Step aerobics is very popular with women, with 50 students participating frequently.

"The amount of people partaking in these activities have stayed consistent throughout the years. Some activities pull in more students depending on the season," said Perkins.

Another aspect intramural sports has to offer is the fitness room. The fitness room contains treadmills, universal machines, along with other high quality exercise equipment. Perkins says the room stays busy constantly. One treadmill in the room has reached 50,000 miles of usage. Perkins hopes to add a new treadmill this semester.

Currently underway is 5 on 5 basketball. It is probably the largest student activity Southwestern has. There are 50 teams, 43 men's and 7 women's. Each team can have up to 10 players on it's roster, which adds up to roughly 500 students participating in the popular activity. The men compete in three divisions and the women have two. 14 teams play a night for approximately one hour each.

After spring break, co-ed basketball will start its tenth season. Teams in co-ed will be composed of three men and two women. Every sixth pass must go to one of the women or the team will be penalized. This way everyone gets a chance to shoot and it is not just one person doing all of the scoring.

Another unique sport that intramurals will be offering later this semester is the under 6'0" basketball league, anyone under 6'0" qualifies. There have been at least 8-12 teams every year that compete against each other since the league was created in 1990. The 6'0" league will begin the season right after the 5 on 5 tournament is over. Under 6'0" will have a double elimination tournament that will span over 10 days.

Anyone interested in participating in aerobics, co-ed basketball or other intramural activities should contact Intramural Director Nelson Perkins at 774-3187 or e-mail him at [prkin\\_n@swosu.edu](mailto:prkin_n@swosu.edu).

If anyone is interested in teaching aerobics or water aerobics they may also contact Perkins at the above phone number or e-mail address.

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Patrick Cleary, 6-1, 255, C, Nipomo Calif.  
(Alan Hancock Junior College)

Justin Easton, 6-3, 215, DE, Flower Mound, Texas  
(Marcus High School)

Zack Hensley, 6-1, 227, LB, Ford, Kansas  
(Garden City Junior College)

Jimmy Jenkins, 5-10, 180, TB, Watonga, Okla.

Michael Mooney, 6-0, 175, DB, Houston, Texas  
(Westbury High School)

Zack Pelphrey, 6-2, 235, DT, Plainview, Texas

Blake Price, 6-2, 275, OT, Yukon, Okla.

Casey Urlacher, 6-1, 220 LB, Lovington, N.M. (N. M. Military)

L.J. Williams, 6-1, 205, FB, Clinton, Okla.

# Signing day brings new blood to team

BY ADAM WEATHRFORD/NEWS REPORTER

February is a very hectic time for football coaches around the nation. Finding players that will suit each team and then getting them to sign is a big task.

Signing day is a time to build up your team and make it stronger for the season to come. That is exactly what the Bulldogs went after on Feb 2.

After going 0-10 in the '98 season and improving to 5-5 in '99, the Bulldogs are looking forward to next seasons' challenges.

There are nine offensive starters back from last year's team. Quarterback, Josh Allen, who threw for 1,795 yards and 10 touchdowns, wide receivers Shevron Glover and Walter Oliver, who combined for 1,400 yards and 11 touchdowns and running back Anthony Davis, who rushed for 643 yards.

There are also nine defensive starters back from last year's squad. Cornerback Cecil Deckard, had five interceptions and returned one back for a touchdown. Scott Seybold had three interceptions and was a big part of the defense.

"We are hoping we can bring in some players to fill the holes that we have," said Sharp. "We are not going to go after as many players this year as we did last year, because of the starters that we have returning."

There are two junior college players that are attending Southwestern right now and will be eligible to play next season. Andrew Burnett (New Mexico Military), Patrick Cleary (Alan Hancock Junior College), Zack Hensley (Garden City Junior College), and Casey Urlacher (New Mexico Military) all signed letters to play for the Bulldogs.

The coaching staff also signed six players out of high school — Justin Easton (Marcus High School), Jimmy Jenkins (Watonga High School), Michael Mooney (Westbury High School), Zack Pelphrey (Plainview, Texas), Blake Price (Yukon High School), and L.J. Williams (Clinton High School).



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# Southwestern struggles to include more sports

BY ADAM WEATHERFORD/STAFF REPORTER

Sports are very important to students that are attending college and to the surrounding community. Some sports are not as popular as others and that has created a big problem at Southwestern.

Why do other schools in the National Collegiate Athletics Association Division II have more sports than Southwestern?

"We are trying to meet all gender equality issues. We hope to meet the title guidelines and hope to have the same opportunities for the women and men," Cecil Perkins, athletics director.

East Central, Southeastern, Northeastern, Central Oklahoma and Ouachita Baptist Universities all offer men's and women's tennis. The tennis program at Southwestern was cut after the 1998-99 season.

"The tennis teams were enjoying no success and they could not beat anybody," said Perkins. "We are not ruling out the return of a tennis program, but there needs to be a chance for our athletes to be successful."

A 4-9 season just is not good enough to keep a program going. Getting rid of the program was a "business decision." That is what the players who were on scholarships were told.

Also, at the time tennis was cut, Southwestern officials said the domination of the sport in NCAA Division II by international players was also a factor in dropping the program. Perkins said Southwestern did not have the level of scholarships necessary to attract those players.

Ex-tennis players feel totally opposite about how the program went out.

"I do not think that they gave the tennis program a chance. Recruiting is a big part of having great college teams and the recruiting was not that great," said Brock Lakely. "The talent level was there, but there just was not enough respect for the players."

"The right players and a good coach can make for a very successful tennis team," said Lakely.

So, the tennis program was dropped and replaced with women's soccer.

There are also questions about the men's cross country. Southwestern has a girl's team, but why not a guy's team?

"There really is not a big interest in men's cross country," said Perkins.

There might not be a big interest in college cross country, but there are some high school runners that could make for a great college team. Hydro, Dickson, Jenks, Stroud, Anadarko and Mcguinness all have all successful teams.

There has also been interest expressed in starting a women's volleyball team. Southeastern, Ouachita Baptist and Central Oklahoma are the only area teams, however.

The athletic department at Southwestern does deserve some credit. The football and basketball turnarounds this season are very exciting.

More sports will increase enrollment and will add variety to the athletic department at Southwestern. However, funding them has always and will always be a big factor.

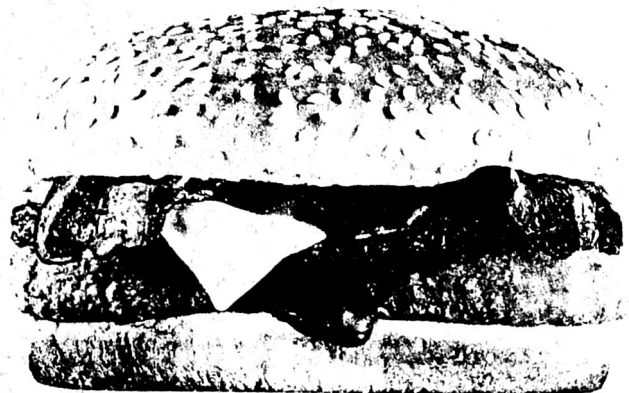
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## Southwestern Sporting Events

### Women's Basketball

Feb. 10 SWOSU vs. East Central 6:00 p.m.  
Feb. 12 SWOSU vs. Southeastern 6:00 p.m.

### Men's Basketball

Feb. 10 SWOSU vs. East Central 8:00 p.m.  
Feb. 12 SWOSU vs. Southeastern 8:00 p.m.

### Baseball

Feb. 12 and 13 SWOSU vs. Panhandle State 1:00 p.m.



## Putting the Smack Down on Sports by Charles Beatley

### Cubs win? optimistic thinking.

Since the football season is over and basketball season is half over, I am beginning to salivate over the possibilities of the first baseball season of the new century.

I hope Major League Baseball has as many surprises in store for us as the NFL did this year. I think if the St. Louis Rams can go from nothing to Super Bowl champs, than why can't the Chicago Cubs win the World Series. It has been almost a 100 years since they last won one (1908).

I am one of those irritating die-hard Cub fans that every year knows this is our year. I am sure you're laughing at the thought of the Cubs winning the Series, but I am a Rams fan and they came through for me.

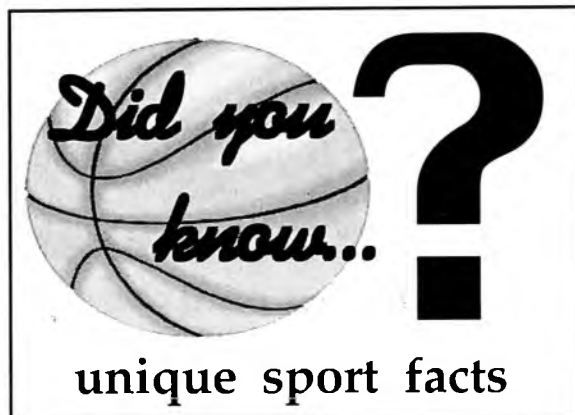
But, then again I am a Chicago Bulls fan and I don't see them coming anywhere close to winning the NBA championship. They're fighting to not be the worst team. However, if I go two out of three this year, than I think that is pretty good.

I expect to hear plenty of "Cubs win, Cubs win!" this year.

This week's *Jabroni of the Week* might offend some, since I am in Dallas Cowboy country. Jerry Jones, Cowboys owner, receives the honor. It's nice he likes being involved with his team, but why doesn't he leave hiring of coaches to the general manager.

Their offense was ranked 16th in the NFL this season and their passing was 24th. He goes and promotes the defensive coordinator to head coach, when the team needs an offensive head coach to resurrect the offense.

...And that's the bottom line, cause I said so!



*Sports Editors Note: Did you know... is a new feature designed to bring you the facts about sports that you might find interesting and who knows, it might help you win someday on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" or "Jeopardy."*

*-Charles Beatley*

- **Lacrosse** was originally a sport began by Native Americans as a preparation for war.
- **Dr. James Naismith**, the inventor of basketball, was a teacher at the YMCA International Training School in Massachusetts.
- **Soccer** has been around since Roman times, but the modern form of soccer started in England in the early 1830's.
- **Hockey** is a term derived from the French word hoquet, which means shepherd's stick.
- **Women's water polo** will make its Olympic debut this summer at the Sydney games.
- **Volleyball**, developed by William Morgan, was originally called mintonette.



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# NBA announces the 49th All-Star starters

BY CHARLES BEATLEY/SPORTS EDITOR

The 49th annual NBA All-Star game features the youth and future of the sport.

Gone from the usual starting line-up are names such as Karl Malone, Scottie Pippen and David Robinson. They are replaced with budding stars Vince Carter, Tim Duncan and Kobe Bryant.

The starting guards for the East team are Philadelphia's Allen Iverson, the NBA's leading scorer, and Charlotte's Eddie Jones. Toronto's Vince Carter, the All-Star game's top-vote getter, and Sprite's poster boy Grant Hill representing Detroit are the forwards. The big man in the middle for the team is Miami's Alonzo Mourning.

Twenty percent of the West team is composed of L.A. Lakers, with Kobe Bryant at guard and Shaquille O'Neal at center. Jason Kidd of Phoenix is the other guard. Tim Duncan of last year's NBA champions, the San Antonio Spurs, and Minnesota's Kevin Garnett are the forwards.

The All-Star game has always been high scoring since the very first one in 1951. Only twice has the victor scored under a 100. The highest scoring All-Star game occurred in 1987, the West topping the East in overtime, 154-149.

The pre-All-Star activities includes the NBA.com Slam Dunk contest, Schick Rookie Challenge, AT&T Shootout and the Sony All-Star 2Ball contest.

Such superstars as Antawn Jamison and Jerry Stackhouse will compete in the slam dunk contest. The Schick Rookie Challenge is composed of two teams, one consisting of rookies and the other composed of second year players. Some of the game's best shooters such as Hubert Davis and Jeff Hornacek will compete in the shootout.

The Sony All-Star 2Ball contest consists of an NBA player teaming up with a WNBA player from the same town and vying with other tandems of superstars from both associations.

The All-Star game will be played at The Arena in Oakland on Feb. 13 at 5 p.m. on NBC.

## How the teams stack up

	<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
Players 1999-2000 points per game average	22.72	24.9
Players 1999-2000 rebounds per game average	10.54	5.7
Players 1999-2000 free throw percentage average	.733	.773
Players 1999-2000 field goal percentage average	.487	.464
Players 1999-2000 three point percentage average	.352	.371
All-Star game wins	17	31

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# Men's basketball splits games on the road

BY MEGAN FOX/STAFF REPORTER

Last week the men's basketball team split the games on the road — a tough loss to East Central, with a win against Southeastern Oklahoma.

The Bulldogs were tied for second in the Lone Star Conference with East Central until last Saturday, when ECU overtook the Bulldogs, 71-66.

Southwestern's field goal percentage hurt them, 29-73, giving them a 34 percent.

Only two Bulldogs ended in double digits. Anthony Lumpkin hit 21 points for leading scorer along with a total of 7 rebounds. Jason Ruth scored 12 points and Tim Ray earned nine.

Tim Ray and Corey Johnson lead the team in rebounds with eight apiece.

The officials stayed on Southwestern, giving East Central 22 free throw shots. The Bulldogs shot 13.

The Bulldogs will meet up with East Central tomorrow at Ranklin Williams fieldhouse, 8 p.m.

Southwestern played a make up game against Southeastern last Thursday on the road.

The Bulldogs were scheduled to play Southeastern the last Thursday in January, but was canceled due to the snow storm.

Southwestern won this one, 76-72, with the coaching skills of assistant coach, Scott Peterman. Coach Hauser was unable to attend due to chest pains.

At the half, the game was tied, 35-35.

Corey Johnson lead the Bulldogs with 26 points and also earned a technical foul. Anthony Lumpkin ended with 10 points and eight assists. Tim Ray and Jayson Sanders hit nine points each. Cedric Dale lead the team in defense. Dale stole 11 rebounds and five blocks. Jayson Sanders lead the Bulldogs in steals with five.

This Saturday the Bulldogs will go up against Southeastern at Ranklin Williams fieldhouse, 8 p.m.

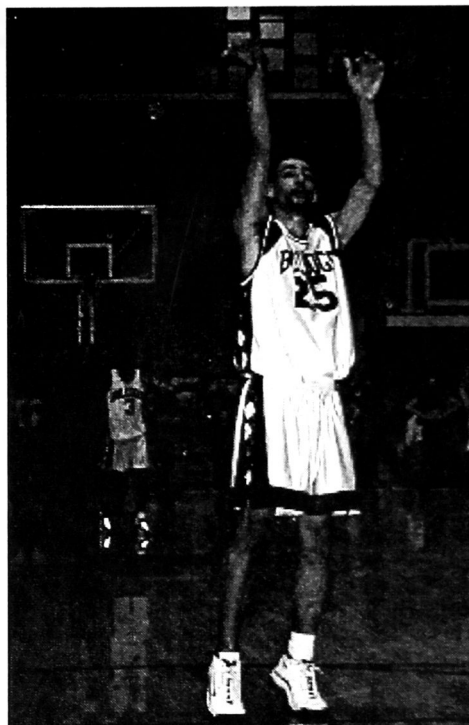


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Senior Jason Ruth releases a free throw during recent competition at home. After going 1-1 on the road, the Bulldogs will return home tomorrow to face East Central at 8 p.m.

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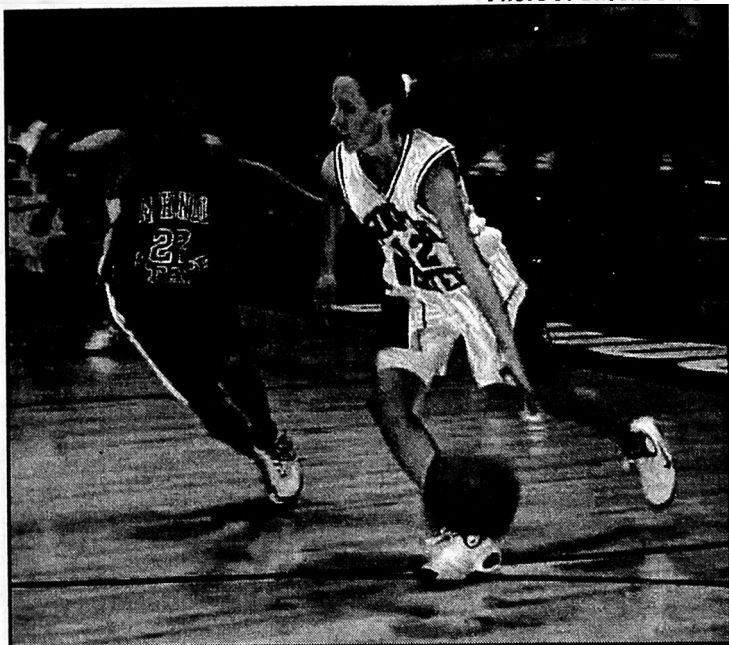
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Kacey Whitworth advances the ball against a Panhandle defender during action last week. Southwestern won the game, 57-56. The Lady Bulldogs play tomorrow night against East Central. Tipoff is at 6 p.m. The game is faculty appreciation night, and all Southwestern faculty and staff will be honored between the men's and women's games.

## Southwestern women record one-point win

By SADIKI VAUGHN/ STAFF REPORTER

Andrea Mauldin scored the winning basket last Wednesday as Southwestern edged Panhandle, 57-56. The win was followed by a loss to Southeastern, 60-54, on Thursday.

Southwestern played the nonconference game at Rankin-Williams Fieldhouse without coach John Loftin, who was ill with the flu.

Former Lady Bulldog and current assistant coach Roslynn Dunn guided Southwestern.

Southwestern got off to a slow start, falling behind after an 8-0 run by Panhandle.

Kacey Whitworth then answered with a three-pointer and the Lady Bulldogs then stepped up the defense. A blocked shot by Kiki McClellan and a steal by Simone Edwards got Southwestern back in the game.

With 11 minutes left in the first half, it was 11-7 in favor of Panhandle. Then freshman Cassie Childs hit three three-point shots in a row before Panhandle's Elsa Baltazar answered with a three of her own.

Childs then hit her fourth trey of the game, and the Lady Bulldogs took a 27-26 lead into halftime.

Childs led the Lady Bulldogs with 16 points, shooting four of five treys.

The second half was more of a defensive game. Panhandle's Baltazar was harassed by the defensive play of Lena Samilton, a freshman from Midwest City. Kiri Neptune, McClellan and Edwards were tough on the defensive boards, also. But Southwestern's was also flat, and the game continued to be close to the end.

With 14 seconds left to play, Panhandle led 56-55. Southwestern held the ball for the last shot, which missed its mark. However, El Reno freshman Mauldin grabbed the offensive rebound and scored for the lead.

Panhandle still had time for a shot, but it was blocked to end the game.

In the Southeastern game, the Lady Bulldogs jumped out to a 12-point lead but could not keep it. Southeastern outscored the Lady Bulldogs 32-14 in the final 14 minutes of the game. Whitworth led Southwestern with 15 points and four assists.

Loftin also missed the Southeastern game because of the flu.

Southwestern is 2-5 in the Lone Star Conference. The team is two games behind Central Oklahoma, Southeastern and Northeastern, who all hold a 4-3 record.

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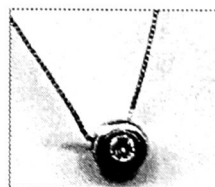
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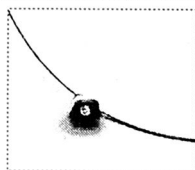
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